

Dodson, Malta are Awarded Grants

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Help for Phillips County

The towns of Dodson and Malta are receiving funding to help with aging wastewater treatment systems. Dodson will receive \$427,000 and Malta \$500,000 from the Treasure State Endowment Program. “What is so great about this program is that local communities make the decision on what their greatest needs are,” Governor Brian Schweitzer said. “Dodson and Malta face different challenges from Bozeman, and we are customizing government to make sure we serve all of Montana.”

Commerce Director Tony Preite will be in Phillips County to make the awards on January 26th. Preite explained that this Commerce Department funding is allocated to address serious health and safety issues in Montana communities, and that a priority is taking care of the basic elements of infrastructure. “The more we progress as a civilization through technology, the more we go back to the importance of our key resources of clean air and water in our wide open Montana spaces,” Preite said.

Dodson Mayor Eldora Henry said the funding relieves the financial pressure facing her town. “I’ll put it plainly, without this funding we simply wouldn’t be able to do it. We sure worked hard on solutions, and are grateful to partner with the state in this effort,” Henry said. Malta Mayor Byron Ereaux concurred and expressed thanks to the Bear Paw Development Corporation for their work in securing the grants for both Malta and Dodson. “The folks at Bear Paw understand the challenges we face in local government, and the tools they bring to the job help us find solutions,” Ereaux said.

The City of Malta will also receive a planning grant of \$14,000 from the Department of Commerce as part of the ongoing Leonardo Dinosaur project. The funding for Dodson is in addition to an additional Montana Department of Commerce grant earlier this year of \$443,150 under the Community Development Block Grant Program.